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How the French are Conquering

DOWN THE GREAT RIVER-FROM MONTREAL TO

PICTOU-THE ABODE OF SAINTS AND THE REFUGE OF SINNERS-NOVEL SIGHTS AND EX-

Special Correspondence of THE EVENING STAR. STEAMER MIRAMICHI, CANADA.

N American is not compelled to brave six days of sea sickness on the open ocean, wandering icebergs and the other dangers of trans-Atlantic racing, in order to see the French, to "parler Français" with those

who speak no other language, and to study old French customs and costumes. Travel through lower Canada will enable him to do all these things. Indeed, a trip on the Miramichi down the St. Lawrence will be sufficient.

The Miramichi is a retired Canadian revenue cutter, which now, reduced in speed and sobered in manner of life, conveys slow freight, and passengers who are not in a hurry, from Montreal in the province of Quebec to Picton in the province of Nova Scotia. The little steamer has not, in the course of this change of occupation, been so altered in build as to boast the protected decks or upper-deck passenger staterooms of modern excursion When it fains her close cabin is stuffy and her exposed deck is sloppy. This characteristic of the Miramichi impressed itself forcibly and damply upon a representative of The Star and two ladies accompanying him, as they looked from the rain-period steamer upon the slowly-receding wharf at Quebec, and with other dripping passengers wandered disconsolately about the deck, seeking dry places



Not all of us were as well equipped for wet-

weather views of the scenery as one of our fellow passengers, who confided to a lady member of our party that she had on three dresses. as well as an ulster, a waterproof, and a pair of rubber overshoes, and who sat complacently under an umbrella with her feet elevated on a camp stool, unmindful of the miniature deluge about her. Happily, however, rain, fog and mist do not always cover the St. Lawrence, and will the sunshine came full appreciation of the noteworthy features of a trip down THE "GREAT RIVER" OF THE FRENCH EXPLORERS.

had come from the chain of Great Lakes, for which it serves as the outlet to the sea. The recently said: argest expanse of fresh water in the world was thus its source. The impetus of its mighty rush had been gained by such leaps as that at Ningara. Its waters had flowed by the flour-ishing and populous lake cities of the republic; through the spray and thunder of Niagara; past the attractive scenery of the Thousand Islands with their gayly-colored cottages; overthe threatening rocks of the rapids; past solid, prosperous Montreal, the commercial metropo-lis of Canada; past quaint Quebec, the shining eity, with its tin roofs glittering in the sun-light and clothing in splendor the citadel-erowned promontory up which the city climbs; and now they rushed on before us toward the sea, broadening steadily in width, swelled by the waters of the sombre, cliff-lined Saguenay and other mighty tributaries, until, after a long journey, having attained nearly a bundred miles in width and unfathomable depth, they

mingle with the waves of the gulf. The Miramichi trip is a very popular one in the summer months, and the steamer was crowded with passengers. This fact led to the assignment of a room on the upper deck, belonging to two of the officers, as one of the It boasts two windows, two berths, two chairs, a wash stand, a bureau, and space enough besides in which "to swing a cat" of medium size. We could sit at its open door, protected both from sun and rain, and enjoy the scenery of the river and shore. We thus inspected in passing the various watering places of lower Canada,

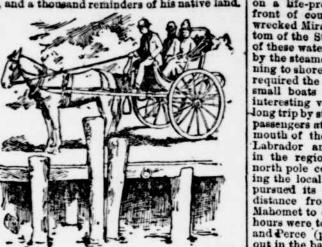
in apparently endless succession, remote from the railroad and dependent upon steamers for communication with civilization, showed the steeples of their white churches, invariably the most conspicuous of their buildings. THE ABODE OF THE BAINTS. The most notable fact in reference to the vil-

lages on the banks of the St. Lawrence is the number which are named after saints. No other names seem to have been given to places in the province of Quebec until the calendar of saints had been exhausted. Inspection of a map of the St. Lawrence valley discloses an array of eighty-nine distinct saints and saintesses. Some of the names are repeated many times, and others strengthen the line of the saintly column by presenting formidable and map-filling fronts. In this list are such im-pressive space-fillers as St. Henrie de Mas-couche, Ste. Anne de la Perade, St. Francois Xavier, Ste. Jeanne de Neuville, St. Gabriel de Brandon, St. Felix de Valois, St. Francois de Salle, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Jean Chrysos-tome and St. Jean Fort Joli. There are whole columns of saints with commonplace everyday names, headed by some of the rarer saints, like Flayle, or Anaelet, or Barthelemi, or Lin, or Remi, or Caesire, or Polycarp. Last, but not hast except in number of letters, is St. Pie. The happy town which beasts this title is evidoubly guarded, being under the protection of the name of the pontiff at Rome and also under that of the patron saint of Puritan

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

names and things, between words and facts. The former are sometimes relied upon to put the latter to flight. The appellation of "banana-belt" is evidently intended to frighten off blizzards from North Dakota. The French explorer shivering in the icy blasts of

"The storm-wind from Labrador, sailed a short distance southward across the and he straightway proceeded to warm himself



The province even borrows its characteristic rehicle from France in the caleche, which is here modified into a two-wheeled, straightshafted carriage, bearing a sleigh body on a powerful spring and providing for the driver a seat on the dashboard. The Dutch have taken Holland and

THE FRENCH ARE TAKING NEW FRANCE. In 1759 the government of the 60,000 French of Quebec passed to Great Britain. The opportunity of the subject Frenchmen came at the time of the revolutionary struggle. As the price of non-participation in the uprising of the colonies they wrung from Great Britain everything they had lost except formal independence. They regained their property, the use of their own as the official language, their religion as the established local form and their laws and customs instead of those of England. Quebec, the American France, is the largest of the settled Canadian provinces. It is about nine-tenths as large as European France. In population it is next to Ontario. Of the milon and a third people of the province, at the time of the census of 1881, over a million were French and 1,170,715 were Roman Catholics. Not only did the French thus monopolize Quebec, but they were the strongest nationality in point of numbers in the Dominion as whole. Their total was 1.298,929 against 957 .-403 Irish, 881,301 English, 699,863 Scotch, 254,319 German and 108,547 Indians. The natural increase of the French is greater

than that of the English-speaking peoples, but they have not gained so fast through European immigration. It is estimated that there are now two and a quarter million of Frenchmen in the Dominion. They are driving other races from Quebec, and pushing into the other provinces. They are gradually attaining to the strength which on the precedent of our revolution would encourage them to attempt to set up a government of their own. They have shown national aspirations. They are thoroughly French in thought, habit, language, and religion, and they work together in politics. As long as they may have complete control of flourish Quebec and by holding the balance of power between the contending political parties may dominate the Dominion they will reasonably be content to remain a nominal British dependency. But the opening to settlement of the western provinces and the increase by immigration of the English-speaking peoples gives to the French the same apprehensions that the formation of free-soil territories and states gave to the slave states in the period preceding the civil war. On the other hand the Englishspeaking peoples of Canada resent the French

THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT IN CANADA. There is a strong antagonism between the Roman Catholic French and the Protestant English and Scotch. Feeling is at white heat at the present time over the Jesuit estates act. In the bargain with Great Britain at the time of the American revolution it was agreed that the Roman Catholic should remain, so to speak, the established church of Quebec and that its property should not be confiscated. Certain of church property which was taken is now under this act to be restored, and the Protes-The stream which surrounded us, with its tants of the Dominion are kolding meetings of majestic flow, its impressive width, and its vast | indignation and protest. The French in reply depth, was itself full of interest. Its volume give voice more boldly to the aspiration for national independence. A Toronto newspaper

"If the feports which reach us may be relied on our French Canadian fellow-citizens declare, in the plainest terms their cheristed mother in the plainest terms their cherished mother tongue can furnish, that their ambition and their aim is to build up, not even an autonomous French province in an Anglo-Saxon federation, but an independent French Canadian nation. They even speak of this purpose as already achieved, asking and receiving the biessing of the Pope of Rome upon the 'young French-Canadian nation.' This is a bold stand."

An Old Friend will come to the fore again this fall in the shape of ladies' cloth. This fabric will appear with border effects, which

The paper goes on to protest against the disloyalty of recent fiery harangues by French leaders, declaring that "even the rouge and the bleu must give place to the tricolor," and says: "British Canadians of liberal mind will readily admit the right of their French fellow-citizens to retain their language and their religion, though many of them may demur at a continuance of a system which taxes English-speaking Canadians to aid in the perpetuation of the one and pledges the Canadian constitution to safeguard the state-aided propagation of the other. But all will unite in drawing the line this side of a 'French Canadian patien'. The partiers half of this section. dian nation.' The northern half of this continent, is British and must remain so."

Such serious importance is attached to the present clash of Canadian races, tongues and red cloth, will be a popular jacket for youthful staterooms for the use of our party. This lo-cation gave us notable advantages. The room is much more spacious than the cabin staterooms. It boasts two windows. ernment. A recent special dispatch from Ottawa to the New York Tribune says:

"The reason now assigned for the countermand-ing of the orders for the French squadron desig-nated to visit Quebec is that the French ambas-sador at London received a courteous intimation from Lord Sallsbury that in the present condition the various watering places of lower Ganada, including the favorite Cacouna, where overheated Canadians most do congregate. The first stopping place was Father Point, where European steamers take on or put off pilots according to the direction in which they are headed. Farther down quaint French villages in apparently endless succession, remote ity, appear to have had an effect on the mind of the British cabinet."

ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS. The French domination of lower Canada and the commanding influence of this race in the Dominion, are typified on the Miramichi. The

English also; others know only their own lan-

head to the soles of his feet.

Several times a day or as frequently as a plexion. reason for conversation with him arises, a verbal snarl is developed, defying untanglement. These conferences end in the exhaustion of These conferences end in the exhaustion of our valet's stock of deprecatory shrugs and assurances oft repeated that he does not undefstand, and in a rush on his part for some officer who knows the two languages and will serve as who knows the two languages and will serve as of thiset, separated by a handsome Renaisement of this conference. MHAT'S IN A NAME?

A discrepancy is often observable between sames and things, between words and facts. The former are sometimes relied upon to put the latter to flight. The appellation of "banana-belt" is evidently intended to frighten off blizfies, for as I have stated, our valet also failed to understand us though we tried on him the most approved brands of American, r-rolling French. We had many chances to accuaint ourselves with the language as it is specien in Canada. After the obvious opportunities of mouth of the St. Lawrence to an inlet, which he called the bay of Chalcur, the bay of warmth, a mirthful and enthusiastic gathering of both the day, we could listen to the conversation of both dark, pale and neutral, to match street sees and varying ages ages and varying a sexes and varying ages at a round game of cards in the cabin at night. And still later we

over which we pass. It has been a French river from the beginning of settlement and is a French river now. The names of places are French. The people who inhabit its valley are formed with an unmusical accompaniment of chain-creaking, the tramping of heavy shoes and customs.

If Gen. Eoulanger, condemned to be deported to a fortified place, should desire to live among the French and yet dwell outside of France, it will only be necessary for him to deport himself to lower Canada; and he can even fulfill the letter of his sentence by exiling himself to Quebec, a very much fortified place. He will secure safety from his enemies as complete as

in England, political excitement, if he desires arose, lighted a candle and prepared to put on a life-preserver (with the wrong side in front of course), in the firm belief that the wrecked Miramichi was about to go to the bottom of the St. Lawrence instanter. A number of these water landings, so to speak, were made by the steamer at points where, instead of running to shore, she stopped in the channel and required the villages to be served to send out small boats for freight and passengers. An interesting variation from the sameness of a long trip by steamer was enjoyed by a part of the in the region where sunny France and the north pole contend for the privilege of supply-ing the local characteristics. The Miranichi pursued its usual tactics of stopping a long distance from the shore and of waiting for Mahomet to come to the mountain. Several hours were to be spent in transfer of freight, and Perce (pierced) Rock was plainly visible out in the bay. AT THE FOOT OF PERCE BOCK.

precipitously from the water. The supply of but the real reason, the true inwardness of the available sailing vessels was exhausted when incident, is not generally known. our party was ready to start on the excursion. thousands of gulls are gathered, give considerable interest to the spectacle from the surface of the water at the foot of the rock. The souvenirs of this excursion which our party hoarded were gulls' feathers, picked up from the water, and specimens of the stone. At Gaspe, also in the region about the mouth of the St. Lawrence, we gathered birch bark and star fish. Furs from Quebec and Indian baskets of grass work and birch bark were other St.

Lawrence remembrances.

Leaving the province of Quebec the Miramichi steamed southward between New Brunsthence to Pictou, in Nova Scotia, where our journey now ends. The water trip of nearly the advantages of an inland voyage for the most part on salt water, has been on the whole very enjoyable. Long may the Miramichi flourish! T. W. N.

AUTUMN ROBES AND NOVELTIES. RICH, DELICATE FANCY JEWELRY is again in

RUDDY BROWNS will be prominent among seen in many of the fashionable fabrics. NEWLY IMPORTED COSTUMES of very beauti-

Large Dragon-Flies, intended for the coiffure, have each four diamond wings and a Jerry does not like to talk about this incilong body, with rubies or sapphires mixed with diamonds. He claims that the halyards slipped and thus let the flag down, but those acquainted

THE FAVORED TINTS in Paris, it is said, will of all every shade of violet, from mauve pink to the deep bishop hue.

or carriage gowns, as they are called, without being trained, are what is called demi-long,

popular.

GRACEFUL PRINCESSE DRESSES of French gray armure silk, trimmed with silk cord passementeries of a deeper tint and draped with soft gray crepe de Chine, are favorite gowns with wealthy downgers.

Beige-colored and mignonette-green dresses

BEIGE-COLORED and mignonette-green dresses of Veneton cashmere, bordered with gold and silver galloons, are made with double skirts, both equalty long, the upper one open up the both equalty long, the upper one open up the would yo? I knows Ol' Abe and all de rest of would yo? I knows Ol' Abe and all de rest of walking 'round dar, an' I stat THE "REEFER," in blue, mahogany or Roman

wearers during the entire autumn, and like models in heavy cloaking goods are also made ready for winter uses. THE LOVELY NEW TINT OF OLD ROSE. Roman violet, strawberry, and green in several rare,

beautiful shades, are among the delicious dyes in Parisian toilets designed for autumn receptions and dancing parties. Among the Prettiest and neatest of traveling garments are long wraps which completely envelop the person, in striped silk-usually

gray and black. They are much on the Connemara or peasant cloak style.
Some Vert Dainty Walking Gowns of striped zephyr ginghams are seen, made with closefitting basques, over double waistcoat effects of white over striped gingham. The skirt is

-draped, but has no over drapery.

VERY HANDSOME WOOL GOWNS, those with crepe-like surface particularly, will be very captain and nearly all fashionably worn at autumn dinners and teas. the officers are of French and also soft carmelites in empire style for origin. So are the crew and the great major- art shades of the season.

only a few of the ubiquitous Americans, and still fewer tourist Canadians from the upper provinces varying the monotony. Some of this French majority speak

English also, others

old prime favorite the English walking-hat has appeared, less narrow on the brim front, and not rolled so closely to the crown on the sides, making it more than ever becoming to slender-faced women, to whom the shape, like the French turban, is always a boon.

A Comportable rainstorm dress is now made

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guage. The young man who serves as chambermoid for our upper deck state room is French, exclusively, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet.

Black moire bordered with a heavy black wool passementerie. A soft plush felt hat has three cluster knots of moire ribbon and a tie-under-the-chin mask veil with velvet spots. This is particularly becoming to a bright com-This is particularly becoming to a bright com-

A Gown shown in Paris is of rose crepe de chine, with a draped corsage, held in place at

Some of the New Jackets are in close basque form, having jacket fronts that open over a continental vest, with bands of embroidery on the pocket flaps, collar and fronts. Some of the expensive empire jackets are vandyked at beaded pendeloque.

The New Felt Bonners are beautifully soft

and fine, and dyed in all the autumn shades, costumes. Some are in princesse shape, others with small coronets, or in the flat style of the new English capote, which reveals all of the waved or fluffy mass of hair over the forehead.

THE WHITE HOUSE GHOSTS. Uncle Jerry and His Experiences With

Imaginary Occupants of the Garret. WHY THE WHITE HOUSE FLAG WAS TEMPORARILY AT HALF-MAST-HOW JERRY AND HOUSE KEEPER CLEANED THE GARRET-THE PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAITS AND THEIR NIGHTLY MOVEMENTS.

It may be remembered that the country was passengers at Perce. This village is near the mouth of the St. Lawrence. It lies between Labrador and the Bay of Chaleur, and is thus startled one Saturday night a few weeks ago by mast, but it was not long before word was sent out, to calm apprehension, to the effect that the incident was due to the carelessness of the colored servant, a part of whose duty it is to raise and lower the flag. There had been a concert on the lawn by the Marine band, the flag always being raised on such occasions, and Uncle Jerry, the servant, had let the flag fall So some of the passengers hired boats, which | half way while waiting for the last note of the had come out to the steamer, to carry them as band's last piece, and there it hung just long near as possible to the naked, rugged cliff, enough to attract attention and to give rise to which rose to a height of several hundred feet rumors. This was satisfactory to the public,

Jerry is quite a character in his way-a polite. So we engaged a row-boat, and found our-selves the gainers by the difference in form of motive power. For the wind was unfavorable, and in the race to the rock and back, we outfooted our sailing competitors, and in addition enjoyed the privilege of approaching much closer to the face of the cliff than the larger vessels could do. The deep, narrow cleft which divides the rock in two parts, and which gives it a name, furnished at one time a pasgives it a name, furnished at one time a passage way to small ships, but so much stone has fallen that the channel is now choked. The peculiar shape of this mountain peak projecting from the water, and the great apparent height of the smooth perpendicular cliff, about whose top the standard of the smooth perpendicular cliff, about whose top the standard of the smooth perpendicular cliff, about whose top while his acquaintance with public men and while his acquaintance with public men and women is rather remarkable until one is told that he has been a White House fixture for over twenty years. HAUNTED BY PRESIDENTIAL SPIRITS.

Jerry, like a majority of his race, is extremely superstitious. He is a firm believer in ghosts and their appurtenances, and he has a fund of stories about these uncanny things that afford immense entertainment for those around him. But there is one idea that has grown into Jerry's brain and is now a part of it, resisting wick and Prince Edward Island, stopping at the effects of ridicule, laughter, argument, or Summerside and Charlottetown and running explanation. He firmly believes that the the departed Presidents, and furthermore, that his Satanic majesty, the devil, has his abode in ive days, covering over a thousand miles, his Satanic majesty, the devil, has his abode in supplying varied sights and experiences and the attic. He cannot be persuaded out of the notion, and at intervals he strengthens his position by telling about some new strange noise he has heard or some additional evidence he has secured.

WHY THE FLAG WAS AT HALF-MAST. This is why the flag was at half-mast that Saturday. Uncle Jerry was aware of the fact that by the time Prof. Sousa's baton fell on the last beat the shadows were pretty long over colors this coming season. Rust color will be the lawn and that the way down through the garret into the house was dark and grucsome. His blood chilled at the prospect of making that journey and he shivered. To save time ful silky gray India cashmere are elegantly he let the flag slip down the mast, so that when decorated with silk cord Escurial passengen- the time came it would require but a pull to get it clear down, and so he would save a few MANY STYLISH TRAVELING COSTUMES imported precious seconds of blessed light. When he are made of alpaca. The favorite color is a beautiful tint of dove gray or black shot with silver.

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with him say that the real reason was as stated the FAVORED TINTS in Paris, it is said, will above. He admits, however, that the garret is uncanny and says with a fervid rolling of his eyes and a lifting of his hands: "Indeed an" HENRIETTAS develop particularly well in the entpire shape. Such a gown, intended for afternoon wear, recently noticed, was in Eiffel red, or a shade nearly approaching that.

Some of the New French visiting dresses, deed, gemmen, I woulden' go into dat garret and hold high shadowy carnival in the rooms where they once moved in bodily substance, and, strangely enough, he attributes to them the most belligerent of qualities, so that at one An Old Friend will come to the fore again this fall in the shape of ladies' cloth. This fabric will appear with border effects, which are a novelty. It is likely to be exceedingly duties. HE BEGGED OFF.

On one occasion before the elevator was put in place a thunder storm arose in the evening and it became necessary to send some one upstairs to shut the skylight in the roof, which had been left open. Capt. Densmore told

dem fellers is walking 'round dar, an' I sint gwine to resk myse'f in de regions near 'em. Yo' go an' I'll stan' by de do' an' hol' de bat soze to knock 'em ef dey fries to nab yo'.' Nothing could persuade him. He declared that he would do anything on earth for the captain, but to go through the garret at that time of the evening was an impossibility.

THE HOUSE KEEPER AND THE "KER BLAM." One of Jerry's best stories is how he and Mrs. Mullen, the house keeper during the Grant administration, cleaned up the garret. It seems that Mr. Dent, Mrs. Grant's father, had a lot of old traps and books that had been stowed away promiscuously in the attic, and one day the house-cleaning spirit took hard hold upon Mrs. Mullen and she managed, after

a good deal of coaxing, to get Jerry to help her straighten up those things. "It was pow'ful hot up there," says Jerry, rubbing his hands, "so hot nothin' could live. No mice, ho rats, no moths, nothin', an' ef yo' wanted to save anything all yo' had ter do was ter put 'em up in de garret. It 'uz so pow'ful hot it nigh laid Jerry out, an' de old 'oman she kep' on a 'workin' reddin' up de books, grow-lin' away and findin' fault and gettin' mo' pesorigin. So are the crew and the great majoratity of the passengers, only a few of the ubiquitous Americans, and still fewer tourist Canasilently but visibly in remembrance of Mrs.

"What was it?" he repeated scornfully. "Yo tell! I ain't I ain't sayin' no names of any thin'. De ole 'oman always says it was de devil and, Lawd knows! she must er knowed, for she

run mighty quick."
"Did she leave you up there?" was the innocent query.
"Leave who dar?" he exclaimed, raising his

eyebrows and hands simultaneously. "Sho. now, whatwo' take me for? Why, chile, I led her down!" and Jerry was off in another of his paroxysms of glee. Mrs. Mullen, he says, gave him a dollar to keep quiet about the incident, but he does not scruple to tell it now, for the lady has long since passed away from earthly scares, and Jerry has come to believe that Mrs. Mullen is now a resident of the garret herself. HOW VAN BUREN GOT MAD.

On the day the Washington monument was dedicated, in February, 1885, a large portrait of Martin Van Buren happened to break its rotten hanging cord and fell to the floor in one the edge, each point covered with a vandyked at ornament of silk gimp, or simply tipped with a beaded pendeloque. through the windows and joined with the crash of the picture's fall, and it is possible that the concussion of the discharge had some influence in the collapse. At any rate Uncle Jerry came running to Capt. Densmore with a scared, ashen face and told him about the accident.

"Don't talk to me," he managed to say.

"Don't talk to me 'bout not bein' no ghosts in discharge 'Nor's old Yen Present Capt.

me he was out of politics for good and all, and hadn't looked into a newspaper in six weeks?"
"Is that so? He wants to go to Congress bad, doesn't be?"—Burdette.

"What are your children quarreling about so continually?" "Why, you see, they are so of one heart and mind. Whatever one wants the other always wants too."-Fliegende Blatter. Stanzer-"I'd like to know how to get this

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